



**State of West Virginia
Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety**

Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

1207 Quarrier St, 2nd Floor

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: (304) 558-2191

Fax: (304) 558-2537

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 2, 2013

Contact for this release:

Tanya Bradshaw

Secretary to the Acting State Fire Marshal

304-558-2191, Ext. 53207

Tanya.Bradshaw@wv.gov

“West Virginia State Fire Marshal Retires”



Charleston, WV – The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office today announced the retirement of longtime State Fire Marshal Sterling Lewis, Jr. Marshal Lewis' last day on the job was Tuesday, April 30. Lewis, 62, served as West Virginia's Fire Marshal for the past 13 years, prior to which the Raleigh County native worked in that county's school system as a teacher and coach for 26 years.

With a combined total of 41 years of service, Marshal Lewis is wished a well-deserved retirement by members of the State Fire Marshal's Office. As the State Fire Marshal, he worked diligently to advance legislation involving fire and life safety codes, responder training, and public education.

His second-in-command, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Anthony Carrico, has been appointed Acting State Fire Marshal until such time as a new State Fire Marshal will be chosen.

“I'm confident that the office will continue our dedication to the safety initiatives set during Marshal Lewis' tenure. We'll miss him and wish him all the best in his retirement, and we'll continue to do our best to protect the citizens of West Virginia,” said Carrico.

###